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TO: National Leadership Meeting Delegates

FROM: Christine Hollingsworth, State Advisor
Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

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I am glad you will be a member of the Missouri delegation to the 2008 National FCCLA Leadership Meeting in Orlando, Florida. This will be an exciting event!

Advisors choosing to send delegates to National Leadership Meeting, but who are not attending themselves **MUST** arrange appropriate adult supervision for those delegates. This could include sending other adults, or making arrangements with another advisor. The state office does not arrange adult supervision for student delegates. Independent Delegate Forms must be completed for all students under the supervision of someone other than a chapter advisor.



THEME AND PROGRAM

FCCLA's 2008 National Leadership Meeting will be held July 13-17, 2008, in Orlando, Florida. The 2007-2008 National Executive Council has selected "Excellence Electrified" as the theme for the meeting. Meeting sessions will be held Rosen Shingle Creek, Rosen Plaza and Rosen Centre. Come and learn more about national programs, make new friends, and share ideas.

FCCLA has updated and will introduce the Teacher Educator's Guide, Student Body, and FACTS programs. Come and learn more about these and other national programs, make new friends, and share ideas.

TRAVEL PLANS

Transportation to and from National Leadership Meeting needs to be arranged by the local chapter advisor. It is often less expensive for individuals to arrange their own transportation than for the state office to do so. Regional groups may wish to arrange group transportation at their discretion.

You may work through your local travel agent, or through one of the Internet travel sites, to purchase your transportation ticket. Chapters may choose the form of transportation that best meets their needs. Large groups may wish to contact The Meeting Connection to arrange flights or ground transportation needs from the airport to the hotel.

Chapters wishing to utilize the services of Dwight Loken at the Meeting Connection may do so by calling 614/888-2568. The Meeting Connection has arranged flights for the Missouri delegation for several years. They may also be able to assist you with ground transportation arrangements.

The Meeting Connection
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Arrival Dates

Delegates may arrive as early as Friday, July 11, but ALL Missouri delegates **MUST** arrive in Orlando by **Saturday, July 12**. If arriving before check-in time at the hotel, ask to have your luggage checked for you until the rooms are available. We will have a state event that evening so an early afternoon arrival is necessary.

Departure Dates

Due to the quick turn around for chapter advisors attending the MoEFACS Summer Inservice Conference, chapters may choose to leave on Thursday evening after the closing general session or Friday morning.

MEETING COSTS

To assist you in planning your finances, the following is an **estimated** cost of the National Leadership Meeting. Missouri FCCLA will apply a \$75 registration credit to all advisors attending the meeting, and will pay the \$40 per person fee for STAR Events participants. Missouri Alumni & Associates will contribute a \$100 donation to each regional president attending the national leadership meeting. This will be applied as a credit to their meeting registration package. Thank you, Missouri Alumni & Associate members!

Registration Package

All Missouri delegates who will be attending National Leadership Meeting and registering for the meeting will need to purchase the Missouri registration package. The following items are included:

Meeting Registration	\$139
Missouri State Shirt, Drawstring Bag, Trading Pins, and Travel Insurance	\$25
Missouri Delegation Group Event – Gatorland (Wednesday, July 16).....	\$65
TOTAL ESTIMATED MISSOURI PACKAGE.....	\$229

***This year, due to the high cost of the national group event on Wednesday, July 16 (\$93) arrangements have been made for all Missouri delegates to attend the state event that evening instead. Delegates that wish to visit Universal Studios should be able to do so at a lesser cost on their own.**

Optional Costs

Closing Gala\$63
What a better way to end the meeting than to dance the night away with your new friends! Great food, great friends, and great music! Advisors will be responsible for their students during the Gala and are expected to register for the dance with their students.

State Delegation Photos\$8

Additional Trading Pins\$10, \$18, or \$24
During the National Leadership Meeting, all 50 states plus Puerto Rico are usually represented. Many delegates enjoy trading pins with delegates from other states. Some even try to see if they can collect a pin from every state represented! As a part of your registration package, each delegate will receive 5 – 1 inch trading pins. If you would like to purchase additional trading pins, there are a limited number available. Additional pins will be sold in the following packages:

10 for \$10.00 (\$1 each) 20 for \$18.00 (.90 each) 30 for \$24.00 (.80 each)

Pins may be pre-ordered and payment submitted with your final balance due. Pins will be mailed to delegates

prior to National Leadership Meeting so that delegates can begin trading immediately upon arrival in Anaheim.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Cost is per person, not per room. All those registering as part of the Missouri delegation must stay in the assigned state hotel.

Quad (2 double or queen beds per room).....\$249 (5 nights) or \$293 (6 nights) or \$336 (7 nights)
Triple (2 double or queen beds per room).....\$322 (5 nights) or \$380 (6 nights) or \$438 (7 nights)
Double (1 queen or king-sized bed per room).....\$ 467 (5 nights) or \$555(6 nights) or \$642 (7 nights)
Single (1 queen or king-sized bed per room)\$ 904 (5 nights) or \$1079 (6 nights) or \$1254(7 nights)

Costs are based on hotel rates of \$154 per night, 12.5% tax per night, a 1% surcharge, and a \$30 management fee (per person) to The Meeting Connection.

The National Board of Directors has established a policy regarding official hotels at the National Leadership Meeting. All STAR Events participants and national officer candidates must stay in an official hotel. It is Missouri FCCLA's policy that all Missouri delegates are housed together in the assigned hotel. The state office will continue to coordinate the registration for the Missouri delegation. Dwight Loken with The Meeting Connection will be coordinating the housing reservations – all delegates will be housed with the Missouri group – no exceptions.

All housing requests and reservations are coordinated through the state office and The Meeting Connection.

Delegates must indicate their housing preferences (double, triple or quad lodging) on their confirmation form. Rooming requests will be honored as much as possible. Rooming requests must be turned into The Meeting Connection by April 21. If delegates have requested quad lodging but triple is only available, they will be responsible for the triple rates.

Advisors and delegates should be aware of any school policies related to housing students and adults together. Delegates choosing quad housing may be housed with students or advisors from other schools, especially when group numbers are uneven. If special arrangements are needed for a delegate with a disability, please notify the state office and The Meeting Connection.

The Missouri Association has been assigned to the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. Phone 800/800-9840. The Meeting Connection must turn in housing forms to the hotel by the first week of May. **Therefore it is imperative that you return all National Leadership Meeting forms to The Meeting Connection by April 21.** All payments for housing will be handled through The Meeting Connection.

DEPOSIT

It will be necessary for you to confirm your intentions of attending the National FCCLA Leadership meeting by submitting a deposit. **Deposits are due to the state office by April 20.** A \$150.00 deposit is required from everyone attending National Leadership Meeting.

You will be expected to send the remainder of the package cost to the state office and The Meeting Connection by **June 16.**

ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION FORM

Every person traveling with the Missouri delegation **must** complete an Attendance Confirmation Form. If necessary, please duplicate the form for additional meeting attendees.

REGISTRATION FORM

Everyone attending the National Leadership Meeting **must** complete all information on the enclosed registration form and return it to the state office on or before April 21. Be sure to provide all information requested -- address, school, phone number, etc.

STAR EVENTS

Being a STAR Events evaluator or room consultant during the National Leadership Meeting can be a worthwhile and rewarding experience. If you (students and adults) have had experience with regional, district, state or national STAR Events, a good organizer, and would like to help with the management or evaluation of these events, please complete the enclosed STAR Events Evaluators and/or Room Consultants Application and send to the state office by **April 21**. **Missouri is required to have one room consultant/evaluator for every three National STAR Events participants from our state. Approximately 25 people will be needed as a STAR Events volunteer.**

SPOTLIGHT ON PROJECTS

Spotlight on Projects will be held on Tuesday, July 15 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Spotlight on Projects is an excellent opportunity for chapters to share their successful projects and gather new ideas for future projects. Participation forms will be available on the national website. Forms are due May 1.

At the same time, national program award winners and display STAR Events projects will be showcased. Do not submit Spotlight on Projects participation forms for display STAR Events projects, as they are pre-assigned space in this event. 2007-2008 national program award winners are required to complete a form.

ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES ACTIVITIES

A reception will be held to honor national Alumni & Associates members and graduated seniors. This special event, by ticket only, will offer networking opportunities and a chance to meet with friends. Tickets will be provided in registration packets at National Leadership Meeting.

STATE DELEGATION PHOTOGRAPH

Delegates interested in obtaining an 8"x10" photo of the Missouri delegation should check the box on the Attendance Confirmation Form. The charge for the photograph is \$8.00 and will need to be paid with the total due by June 16. The state photo assignment time will be announced in the next mailing.

TOURS

Arrangements have been made for the Missouri delegation to participate in OPTIONAL tours through The Meeting Connection. Should you have any questions on these or any other tour options, please call Dwight Loken at 614/888-2568. These tours are non-refundable once the ticket order takes place. To reserve any of the optional tours, follow the instructions on the flyer from The Meeting Connection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about Orlando area attractions, please visit <http://www.orlandoinfo.com/>. Please contact the state office if you have questions about the important information in this mailing.

Enclosures:	Missouri Attendance Confirmation Form	Meeting Connection Housing Forms (2)
	Meeting Connection Tour Options	Registration Form
	Independent Delegate Form	Spotlight on Project Form
	STAR Events Evaluator and Room Consultant Application	